

MINUTES OF THE
FREMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (EDAC)
THURSDAY, March 1, 2012, 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
ARDENWOOD CONFERENCE ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, BUILDING A

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Bacon, Alternate Commissioner Moore for Bonior, Chang, Dutra, and Tran

Commissioners Absent: Cox, Lee

Staff Present: Kelly Kline, Economic Development Director
Hope Shapiro, Economic Development Director
Kim Marshall, Executive Assistant

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The regular minutes of January 12, 2012 were approved. MSC Dutra/Bacon, all ayes.

4. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

5. **COMMISSIONER/STAFF REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:**

Industrial/Manufacturing/Technology

The City Council has voted to put in place a Successor Agency with an Oversight Committee. The Committee will be tasked to dispose of 3 redevelopment properties – the Centerville Unified Site, a smaller parcel of land on the corner of Fremont Blvd/Peralta, as well as a property in Niles.

The Warm Springs Studies were presented to City Council on February 21st. There will be a work session with City Council, Planning Commission, and EDAC either the 3rd week of March or the first week of April.

The Solyndra factory has been placed on the market. Jones Lang Lasalle are the brokers.

The Business Tax Exemption extension will be presented at the March 6 City Council meeting. Existing Biotech companies as well as Clean Technology companies that were not able to originally take advantage of the exemption will be able to apply.

Commercial/Retail

Fremont's Economic Development Update at "The Block" in Pacific Commons will be held on Thursday, April 19 at the new Century Theaters.

Chamber of Commerce

The State of the City will be held on March 30th.

On April 19 the Chamber will be partnering with the Mission Valley ROP on "Advisors to Career Paths."

The Chamber is working with Teresa Cox to present a forum on Exporting.

6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF REPORT ON CORPORATE SITE VISITS

No report.

7. COMMISSIONER/STAFF REPORT ON SVEDA, EAST BAY EDA, OTHER MEETINGS

No report.

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

8.1 Workforce Investment Board Overview

Patti Castro, Interim Director, and MaryBeth McCarthy, Business Services Coordinator, gave a presentation about the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (WIB). The Alameda County WIB partners with colleges, EDD, and state agencies to assist laid-off workers. The Alameda County WIB also provides employers with access to skilled applicants.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.